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IN THE UNITED STATED PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Salter et al. Examiner: Gitomer, Ralph

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Title: INHIBITION ASSAY METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETECTION OF ANTIBIOTICS

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action, dated August 6, 2009, in Serial Number 10/578,935, filed May 9, 2006, the Applicant respectfully submits the enclosed Response and Amendment. The late response fee (4th month) is included herewith. If any additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be a Petition thereof. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account 50-3152.